

**SIERRA – SAN JOAQUIN NOXIOUS WEED ALLIANCE**  
**Fresno, Madera, Mariposa Counties Weed Management Area**

**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 9th, 2001**

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th**

**Agenda Overview:**

1. Introductions
  2. AB 1168 Updates
  3. Senate Bill 1740 – Updates and progress reports for each project/county
  4. Education Outreach – Events and Newspaper Articles
  5. GPS Training – Schedule a date
  6. Items for next agenda
1. **Attendees:** Joanna Clines, US Forest Service; Wain Johnson, Mariposa UC Co-op Extension; Jenny Gabor, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Madera; David Durham USDA, NRCS Fresno; Joe Williams, USDA, NRCS Visalia; Toby Horst, Sierra Resource Conservation District; Jeannine Koshear, Ca State Parks; Peggy Moore, US Geological Survey; Fred Rinder, Fresno County; Roscoe Rowney, CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection; Marianne Emmendorfer, Sequoia Nat'l Forest.; Donald Mayeda, Madera Co. Ag. Department., Laura Colton, Department of Fish and Game
  2. **Minutes/Agenda Approval:** The WMA group will begin approving the meeting minutes from each month before they go on the website.
  3. **AB-1168:** Documentation for in-kind services must be submitted in the month of May. CDFA website contains the revised AB-1168 document. Fred reported Fresno County hand sprayed sensitive areas with Transline. Non-sensitive areas were sprayed using a boon. Academy/Herndon area was sprayed May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The county surveyed 594 miles and 124 acres were found infested with Yellow Star Thistle. Sue Fritzke (National Park Service) will use \$3,000 for mechanical control of YST in Merced Canyon.
  4. **SB 1740 updates:**

**Fresno County:**

Skeleton weed: 502 properties have been surveyed and 122+ were infested. Transline was sprayed on plants in rosette stage and Round up was used on plants in bolt stage.

Purple star thistle: Survey to be conducted in Cat Fish Farm area. Infestations are currently unknown.

Tocalote/yellow star thistle: Hwy 198 Coalinga/Mineral Springs infested with tocalote and Yellow Star Thistle along private roads, County roads and in County parks. A public meeting will be held to inform landowners (see Ed. Outreach)

PAT Group: Lanson Lane survey contractor is ready to go out. Owners of 24 properties have signed contracts.

**Madera County:**

Don Mayeda reported the Madera County Board just got the contract May 4<sup>th</sup>. The board must approve the contract (in about 2 weeks) before any work can get started. The County Road Dept. has 3 rigs available to go out upon the Board's approval.

Jeannine Koshear reported Arrundo control is on hold until help is available in the fall.

**Mariposa County:**

The CDFA contract was approved April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Iberian Thistle project was started May 7<sup>th</sup>. It is half done in Piney Creek near Coulterville (Merced River/Lake McClure watershed) and should be finished by May 10. A total of 65 land parcels have been surveyed that border and are adjacent to Piney Creek. Rodeo was the herbicide used. Door-to-door visits to the landowners were done to inform them about the project. There were no complaints in response to mailings. One was returned that provided permission. Monitoring will consist of mapping for presence/absence.

Yellow Star Thistle: 10 applications were submitted for the public/private cost-share program. Only 4 were valid. A cost-share will be done with the county for the outlined areas. Next year will pay for treatment then split costs in subsequent years. Landowners should sign agreements to do follow-up.

California Youth Authority (CYA) has contracted with CDF for hand pulling weeds. Ann Mendershausen of Mariposa RCD will map Tocalote, Yellow Star Thistle, Klamath weed, and Italian Thistle.

Cal Trans has all treatments for Yellow Star Thistle mapped along state highways in Mariposa County.

**3. Education Outreach:**

Transline facts: [www.ucdavis.edu/Yellow Star Thistle](http://www.ucdavis.edu/YellowStarThistle)

Top 10 Brochures are at the printer's office.

A New Brochure/Booklet with more technical info than the "Top 10" brochure will be developed using \$4,000 from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant. Objectives need to be determined.

A WMA public workshop will be put together at the Bear Mountain Library in Squaw Valley (Hwy 180).

The tentative date is set for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Announcements are to go out in newspapers and flyers.

The workshop will be funded with EQIP Education grant from Sierra RCD (Toby Horst).

**4. GPS training:**

Training is set for Rosie Yacoub from CDFA to come to North Fork Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 9-12.

Sherry Klein is the GIS specialist at Hume Lake. Marianne Emmendorfer will notify her of training.

**5. Future Agenda Items:**

**Emails to expect:**

1. Carol will get info on invoicing for SB-1740
2. Mariposa County Co-op contract
3. Progress forms for SB-1740
4. Monitoring Standards

**To be in WMA website:**

1. SB-1740 proposal (31 pages)
2. April 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes (revised)
3. Monitoring Standards (revised by Peggy)